



# CSWC Operational Period Summary

## 1800 January 28 2016 to 0600 January 29 2016

Caltrans maintenance crew clears snow from Hwy 89 near Emerald Bay, El Dorado County.

Photo Credit: Caltrans District 3 / Facebook

Note: [Report updates are in blue](#)



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# SITUATION SUMMARY

## National News – Significant Events

### **California narrowly upholds key policy for solar growth**

(Reuters) California delivered a narrow victory to the solar industry on Thursday by maintaining a policy that has underpinned rooftop solar's dramatic growth while introducing fees that were smaller than utilities requested. After two years of rancorous debate, California's Public Utilities Commission upheld net metering by a vote of 3-to-2, allowing homeowners with solar panels to keep selling the excess power they generate back to their utility at the full retail rate. Homeowners with solar panels cheer net metering as it lowers their power bills. But net metering has been criticized by utilities and some ratepayer advocates for rewarding solar users while leaving others to shoulder the cost of maintaining the electricity grid. The decision was being watched far beyond the Golden State by states and utilities that are working to integrate ever larger amounts of rooftop solar onto their power grids. Most states have passed laws allowing net metering, but a 40 percent drop in the cost of residential solar installations in the last five years has prompted some to review those policies amid calls by utilities to roll them back. Most recently in Nevada, regulators last month approved changes to the state's net metering policy that prompted some solar companies to stop doing business there. The narrow victory in California reflected what the Commission said was the difficult job of balancing its desire to support the growth of rooftop solar while making sure solar customers pay their fair share. "I will be the first to say that I think we really have a ways to go before we have a really enduring rooftop strategy," said PUC President Michael Picker, who voted in favor of extending the policy. In response to critics, the PUC did make some changes that will drive up the cost of going solar.

## International News – Significant Events

### **Syria conflict: Boycott threat to Geneva peace talks**

(BBC) Syria peace talks are due to get under way in Geneva amid confusion over whether opposition groups will attend. Earlier, some opposition leaders said representatives would not go unless action was taken to stop the bombing of civilians, but another senior figure later said they would be attending. A delegation for the Syrian government is due to arrive in Geneva later. In a video message to the Syrian people, UN envoy Staffan de Mistura said the talks "cannot fail". More than 250,000 people have died in almost five years of war in Syria. Eleven million others have been forced from their homes as forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad and those opposed to his rule battle each other - as well as jihadist militants from so-called Islamic State (IS). UN spokesman Ahmad Fawzi said on Friday that the talks were due to go ahead "but I don't have a time, I don't have a location and I can't tell you anything about the delegations". The opposition Saudi-backed High Negotiations Committee, which was formed after a conference of political and armed factions last month, declared on Thursday that its delegation would "certainly" not be there. After a meeting in Riyadh, the committee said it wanted an end to air strikes and blockades by government forces. "Tomorrow, we will not be in Geneva. We could go there but we will not enter the negotiating room if our demands are not met," the head of the committee, Riad Hijab, told al-Arabiya TV. But another senior figure with the committee, Hassan Abdel Azim, said on Friday that members of the opposition were on their way to Geneva and others would follow. He confirmed a small number of the opposition had refused to come because they were under pressure from a regional power, the BBC's Feras Kilani reports from Geneva. The so-called proximity talks are expected to last for six months, with delegations sitting in separate rooms and UN officials shuttling between them. The immediate priorities are a broad ceasefire, humanitarian aid deliveries and halting the threat posed by IS. But the ultimate aim is a peace settlement that includes a transitional period ending with elections, in line with a UN Security Council resolution approved last month.



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## **Coastal Erosion, Pacifica, San Mateo County**

- Pacifica, San Mateo County has experienced damage from the Winter Storms starting in Dec 2015.
- Damage includes the Pacifica Pier, Milagra Watershed (possible Cal Trans impact), sea wall along Beach Blvd, and private properties on Esplanade Ave and Palmetto Ave, with evacuations along Esplanade Ave. Other areas along the cliff are experiencing significant loss of bluff top as well.
- Currently 25 residents, 7 dogs, and 6 cats from 20 units at 310 Esplanade Ave. have been evacuated. An unknown number of residents at 1112, 1115, and 1070 Palmetto have been evacuated also. As of 01/28/16, all residents have found alternate housing arrangements.
- The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) advises a shelter has been opened at the Pacifica Baptist Church, 2070 Francisco Blvd., Pacifica, 94044. Midnight Shelter Count – 4. The shelter capacity is 50. The shelter in Pacifica is Red Cross Managed and Supported Shelter. The City of Pacifica is taking on the long term housing/sheltering needs of those clients permanently displaced from their residences.
- The Pacifica Police have provided Red Cross with a list of all residents in the complex so they can reach out to them, offer initial client assistance dollars to meet emergent needs, disaster mental health and a safe place to stay for now. The Red Cross is developing a referrals list for residents and collaborating with local officials about the needs of those clients. Such as storage space for their belongings since they are moving out rather quickly and many do not have the financial resources to pay for storage space at the moment. Red Cross will establish Service Center at Pacifica Resource Center in partnership with Housing Authority to assist complex residents.
- The Pacifica City Council ratified a local proclamation on 01/25/16. The initial proclamation was made on 01/22/16.
- The City has been conducting surveys of the residents to assess if there are any access and functional needs issues that need to be addressed. So far, no needs have been identified.
- The City has requested assistance from the county for aerial survey to be conducted and assistance with damage assessment team. The County OES and City officials were out 01/27/16 to do an assessment of the area and reviewed 18 different individual sites to begin to develop an Initial Damage Estimate (IDE). San Mateo County OES and Cal OES staff have been meeting with City officials to coordinate needs and information. The City has completed the IDE
- Coastal Region will continue to work with the City and County and will monitor the situation, provide updates. At this time, there is no request for state resources. There are no EOC activations at this time.

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## **Weather of Concern**

### **Northern California**

- Heaviest precipitation is expected today throughout Northern California.
  - Rapid rises of main stem rivers are expected although rivers are not currently forecast to reach flood stage.
  - Localized minor urban and small stream flooding is also likely, in addition to gusty ridgetop winds.
  - Moderate potential of debris flow near recent Sierra Nevada burn scars.
  - Sierra snowfall amounts are expected to reach 1-3 feet above 8000 feet, 6-12 inches 7000-8000 feet and 4-8 inches below 7000 feet.

### **Southern California**

- Strong winds and heavy snow across the Southern Sierras today.
  - Snow accumulations will approach 2 feet above 7,000 feet in Yosemite National Park.
  - Heavy rains are not expected to reach Southern California until this weekend.

## **River Forecasts**

As of 0655 hours on 01/29/16:

- There are no river forecast points above monitor stage

## **Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:**

[http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa\\_bc\\_cal.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php)

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

#### **Eureka Weather:**

A stronger pulse of heavy rain and gusty winds will impact the North Coast this morning. This weekend will bring an unsettled weather pattern with cooler temperatures.

#### **Medford Weather:**

Rain shield extends over most extreme Northern California this morning as a cold front is moving through the coastal waters.

#### **Reno Weather:**

A winter storm will impact the Sierras today with strong winds, rain, and high elevation snow. A cold front will bring lowering snow levels tonight and Saturday. Be prepared for travel impacts in the Sierra throughout the weekend and possibly into early next week.

#### **San Francisco Weather:**

Light rain will spread across the San Francisco Bay Area this morning and into the Monterey Bay Area by this evening. Unsettled weather will remain possible into Sunday with a slight chance of thunderstorms Sunday afternoon. Locally strong and gusty northwest winds are expected Sunday afternoon and evening, mainly near the coast. Dry weather returns Monday.



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## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:**

#### **Sacramento Weather:**

Wet storm is moving over Northern California today with high snow levels. Snow levels lowering tonight and Saturday with mountain travel difficulties likely over the Sierra. Showers will occur over Northern California Sunday and Monday then only over the northern mountains through the remainder of next week.

#### **Hanford Weather:**

A storm system will bring rain and mountain snow to the Central California interior today through the weekend. Sunday will be colder with isolated afternoon thunderstorms in the San Joaquin Valley and a chance of accumulating snow as low as 2500 feet. Unsettled and cooler than normal weather will continue Monday and Tuesday.

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

#### **Los Angeles weather:**

High pressure will bring warm and dry weather today. Cooler weather, an increase in clouds, and a slight chance of rain north of Point Conception is expected on Saturday. A low pressure system will bring rain on Sunday followed by gusty northwest winds Sunday night into Monday. Cool and mostly dry conditions will follow through mid-week.

#### **Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:**

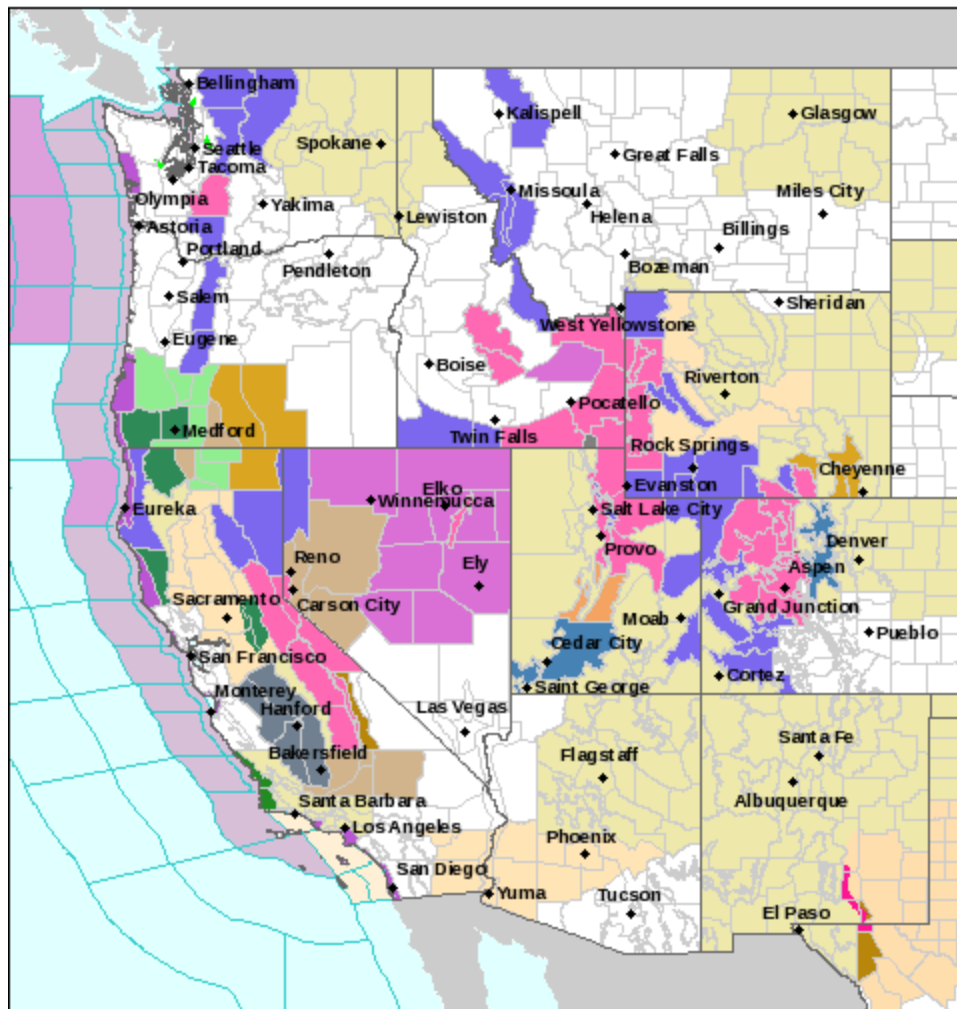
Warm and dry conditions will continue today under weakening high pressure. A low pressure system off the West Coast on Saturday will move inland through Southern California on Saturday night and Sunday bringing cooling, strong gusty west wind, with locally heavy precipitation mostly on Sunday. Showers will decrease Sunday night. For next week, high pressure aloft will strengthen near the West Coast bringing dry weather with a warming trend.

#### **Southeast California Weather:**

A potent Pacific storm system remains on track to arrive this weekend bringing significant snow and strong winds to the southern Sierra tonight through Sunday and widespread precipitation Saturday night through Monday morning. Strong winds are expected across the deserts this weekend Sunday night and Monday.



# WEATHER



- Winter Storm Warning
- High Wind Warning
- Flood Warning
- High Surf Warning
- Flash Flood Watch
- Gale Warning
- Red Flag Warning
- Freezing Rain Advisory
- Winter Weather Advisory
- High Surf Advisory
- Dense Fog Advisory
- Small Craft Advisory For Hazardous Seas
- Small Craft Advisory For Rough Bar
- Small Craft Advisory For Winds
- Small Craft Advisory
- Hazardous Seas Warning
- Wind Advisory
- Avalanche Watch
- Beach Hazards Statement
- Winter Storm Watch
- Flood Watch
- High Wind Watch
- Fire Weather Watch
- Special Weather Statement
- Marine Weather Statement
- Air Quality Alert
- Hazardous Weather Outlook
- Hydrologic Outlook

Last map update: Jan, 29th 2016 at 6:28:09 am MST



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# **FIRE ACTIVITY**

## **Preparedness Levels**

### **National Preparedness Level 1**

#### **Northern California**

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

#### **Southern California**

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

## **California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

### **Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

### **Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

### **California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

### **NWS California River Forecast Center:**

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>



# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC and will be held once per month.

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### **Local Emergency Proclamations:**

**A total of 63 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:**

- 29 Counties: Butte, Colusa, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).



**Mission:**

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

*We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.*